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VIEW of SONNEFELDT'S INTEREST

Barqueros for Szejewski  
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Maxwell Chaplin, Esquire  
Charge d'affaires  
American Embassy  
Buenos Aires

Dear Max:

Counselor Sonnefeldt has expressed an interest in the case of Monica Mignone, a young Argentine who has not been heard of since her arrest last May. The brother of one of Sonnefeldt's staffers knows Monica well and is anxious for some kind of word about the girl's fate.

Your last message on Mignone was Buenos Aires 7429, reporting that Ricardo Flouret of the Interior Ministry claimed that the GOA could not find her.

Yvonne Thayer is your resident expert on Mignone and has written to me about her in the past.

If it would be helpful, perhaps the Embassy could mention Mr. Sonnefeldt's interest in this case to the Human Rights Working Group.

On the overall subject of human rights, I am currently trying to revamp my files. As you know, desk files are normally in the POL and ECON categories. Well now, I'm forced to take the POL files apart and begin breaking down the SOC 14 (Human Rights) category to reflect everything from legal considerations about the state of siege to Congressman Drinan's trip. I've also begun to card individual cases so that I avoid asking you twice about the same case as happened in the Missetich case. You kindly referred me to an earlier airgram in Buenos Aires 7520.

Paciencia. Paciencia.

Sincerely,

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Fernando E. Rondon

cc: Yvonne Thayer  
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P.S. After our telephone conversation this morning, I spoke to Congressman Drinan's office about Josefa Martinez. I explained that the Embassy is doing all it can to locate her. The staffer I spoke to said that Drinan was very impressed by the Embassy officers whom he met. Drinan is apparently writing a glowing thank-you letter to Bob Steven. He also praised Yvonne Thayer. I told the staffer that Drinan obviously had good judgment.



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